

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, Philip Moore (b. 1943)
text from Ecclesiasticus and Psalm 19

All wisdom cometh from the Lord, and is with Him forever. Who can number the sand of the sea and the drops of rain and the days of eternity? Who can find out the height of heav'n, and the breadth of the earth and the deep and wisdom. Wisdom hath been created before all things and the understanding of prudence from everlasting. The word of God most high is the fountain of wisdom, and her ways are everlasting commandments. To whom hath the root of wisdom been revealed? Or who hath known her wise counsels? There is one wise and greatly to be feared, the Lord sitting upon his throne. He created her, and saw her and number'd her, and poured her out upon all his works. She is with all flesh according to his gifts, and he hath given her to them that love him. The fear of the Lord is honour and glory and gladness, and a crown of rejoicing. The fear of the Lord maketh a merry heart and bringeth joy and gladness and a long life. Teach me O Lord the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding and I shall keep thy law; yea I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me go in the way of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Behold my delight is in they commandments. O quicken me in thy righteousness.